Debate No. 3A of 27.02.2007

Order read for resuming debate of Friday 23 February 2007.

MOTION

SUSPENSION OF S.O. 10(2)

The Prime Minister: Mr Speaker, Sir, I beg to move that all the business on today's Order Paper be exempted from the provisions of paragraph (2) of Standing Order 10.

The Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Public Infrastructure, Land Transport and Shipping (Dr. R. Beebejaun) rose and seconded.

Question put and agreed to.

STATEMENT BY MINISTER

SC & HSC EXAMINATIONS - FEES

The Minister of Education & Human Resources (Mr D. Gokhool): Mr Speaker, Sir, following the intervention of the Leader of the Opposition, during the debate on the PNQ at the sitting of Friday 23 February 2007, on the cost of examination fees for Cambridge School Certificate and Higher School Certificate Examinations, I would wish to bring some clarifications.

The figures mentioned in respect of the examination fees by the Leader of the Opposition during the debate on PNQ at sitting of Friday 23 February 2007 refers to Cambridge General Certificate of Education Examination which will be held in May/June 2007 and not Cambridge School Certificate and Higher School Certificate Examinations which will take place in November/December 2007.
The Cambridge School Certificate and Cambridge Higher School Certificate Examination fees, in November/December, consist of the following components—

- an entry fee of MUR 1,363, and
- a subject fee.

The entry fee is composed of two elements: a local cost of MUR 372 and the Cambridge entry fee of MUR 991. The entry fee of MUR 1,363 is the same both for the School Certificate and the Higher School Certificate Examinations. The local cost component of the entry fee has not changed over the last five years.

The fee for one subject to be taken at the Cambridge School Certificate Examinations in November/December 2007 stands at MUR 1,005. Therefore, the total examination fees for a student taking part in the Cambridge School Certificate Examinations will be in the range of MUR 7,393 to MUR 9,403 depending on whether the student takes six, seven or eight subjects.

The fee for one subject at Principal Level for Cambridge Higher School Certificate Examinations is MUR 2,156 while the cost of one subject at Subsidiary Level is MUR 1,500. A student sitting for the Cambridge Higher School Certificate Examinations, usually, takes three subjects at Principal Level and two subjects at Subsidiary Level, including General Paper. The total fees payable for Cambridge Higher School Certificate Examinations in November/December amount to MUR 10,831.

Thank you, Mr Speaker, Sir.